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## HERMIT'S SOLITUDE.

**B**EHOLD a man in his first class of years,  
When youthful sports made way for  
growing cares,

The checquer'd fortunes of manly age,  
Busies reflecting sense with thoughts more sage;  
Various affairs will cause a world of woes;  
Then in the fall of life how sweet's repose;  
The calm, he now enjoys, makes full amends  
For all he felt; heaven never ill intends;  
Suff'rings are sent to us from God above,  
To make us practice faith and sacred love;  
Aw'd into patience, by fresh scenes of fate,  
We live too soon, and learn to live too late.  
In busy worlds, and trading peopled towns,  
More fast we sin, than sin itself abounds.  
In soft repose, *Quarll* empires does disdain,  
Free from disquiet, Solitude's his gain.  
Thought's more sublime, a haven more serene,  
Nought e'er to vex him that may cause the spleen.  
Methinks I with him share of *Eden's* grove,  
And wish no better paradise to rove:

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Here's not ambition with her gaudy train  
Nor envy trampling down the poor or mean;  
Nor avarice nor haughty pride invade;  
Nor can remorse his slumbering nights invade;  
In peace he rests, unenvy'd or unknown  
And pities monarchs on their toilsome throne  
'Tis with content *Quarll* lives; he's truly  
Has nought to dread, nor is with ought d  
Prays for his country; and its present  
That he may reign in heav'n, where  
from hence.

He's so unspotted in his present state,  
I'd wish myself as happy; not more g  
I'd know no change; but when God call  
Prepar'd in my account for judgment-  
Then happy rise from cares, and wor  
To more substantial and eternal joys.  
This honest Hermit, at a transient vie  
Seems to be born all precedent to out d  
Something uncommon makes him wo  
seem:

Sound are his morals drawn from ev'ry  
Thus from our *English* Hermit learn to  
That early piety opposes woe.  
Thro' every stage of life see *Philip* toft,  
And on a desert shore by tempest calt,  
Where he's most happy, when imagin'  
So true it is, that God our good desig  
As lab'ring slaves dig diamonds from th